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In re the Application of:

Charisius et al.

Group Art Unit: 2122

Application No: 09/945,081

Examiner: Vo, Ted T

Filed: 08/31/2001

Paper No. 10

For: METHODS AND SYSTEMS FOR IMPROVING A WORKFLOW BASED ON DATA MINED

FROM PLANS CREATED FROM THE WORKFLOW

AMENDMENT RESPONDING TO 27 AUGUST 2004 OFFICE ACTION IN U.S. APPLICATION

NO. 09/945,081

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks

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Sir:

In response to the 08/27/2004 Office Action in the above-identified application, please consider the following amendments and arguments supporting allowance of the claimed subject matter. The applicant asserts that no new matter has been introduced by the amendments. A check in the amount of \$110.00 is enclosed for a one-month extension of time fee for a large entity.